Federal Communications Commission 445 12th St., S.W. Washington, D.C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500 Internet: http://www.fcc.gov TTY: 1-888-835-5322

DA 06-368

Released: February 15, 2006

Wireline Competition Bureau Seeks Nominations for Board Member Position on Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors

CC Docket Nos. 97-21, 96-45

Nominations Due: March 17, 2006

Pursuant to section 54.703(c) and (d) of the Commission's rules, the Wireline Competition Bureau seeks nominations for the following Board member position on the Board of Directors of the Universal Service Administrative Company (USAC).

• Representative for schools that are eligible to receive discounts (position held by Dr. Douglas E. Christensen).

Dr. Christensen submitted his resignation to the USAC Board of Directors on January 26, 2006 and stated it was effective immediately. On behalf of the Federal Communications Commission, the Wireline Competition Bureau wishes to thank Dr. Christensen for his diligent efforts and dedicated service on the USAC Board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(1) of the Commission's rules, only members of the industry or non-industry group that a Board member will represent may submit a nomination for that position (*e.g.*, only cable operators may submit nominations for the Board member who will represent cable operators). In order to expedite the appointment process, members of the relevant industry or non-industry group are encouraged to nominate a single candidate who possesses substantial experience in, and knowledge of, telecommunications issues. If members of the relevant industry or non-industry group fail to reach consensus on a candidate to serve on the Board, or fail to submit a nomination for the particular Board member seat, the Chairman of the Federal Communications Commission will select an individual from that industry or non-industry group to serve on the Board.

Pursuant to section 54.703(c)(2) of the Commission's rules, each nomination must be captioned: "In the Matter of: Nomination for Universal Service Administrative Company Board of Directors, CC Docket Nos. 97-21 and 96-45." An original and four copies of each nomination must be filed, in accordance with Part 1 of the Commission's rules, with the Commission's Secretary, Marlene H. Dortch, Office of the Secretary, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room TW-A325,

¹ 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c) & (d).

² 47 C.F.R. § 54.703(c)(2).

Washington, DC 20554. In addition, two copies of each nomination should be submitted to Adrian Wright, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, Federal Communications Commission, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room 5-A505, Washington, DC 20554. Each nomination should specify the position on the Board of Directors for which such nomination is submitted and should be accompanied by the nominee's professional and biographical information, such as a résumé or professional biography. Nominations received prior to the release of this public notice will be considered and do not need to be resubmitted. **All nominations must be filed with the Office of the Secretary by March 17, 2006.**

The Commission's contractor, Vistronix Inc., will receive hand-delivered or messenger-delivered paper filings for the Commission's Secretary at 236 Massachusetts Avenue, N.E., Suite 110, Washington, DC 20002. The filing hours at this location are 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. All hand deliveries must be held together with rubber bands or fasteners. Any envelopes must be disposed of before entering the building. Commercial overnight mail (other than U.S. Postal Service Express Mail and Priority Mail) must be sent to 9300 East Hampton Drive, Capitol Heights, MD 20743. U.S. Postal Service first-class mail, Express Mail, and Priority Mail should be addressed to 445 12th Street, S.W., Washington, DC 20554.

The full text of this document is available for public inspection and copying during regular business hours at the FCC Reference Information Center, Portals II, 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-A257, Washington, DC, 20554. This document may also be purchased from the Commission's duplicating contractor, Best Copy and Printing, Inc., 445 12th Street, S.W., Room CY-B402, Washington, D.C. 20554, telephone (202) 488-5300, facsimile (202) 488-5563, or via e-mail at FCC@BCPIWEB.COM. To request this document in an accessible format for people with disabilities (Braille, large print, electronic files, audio format), send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at (202) 418-0530 (voice), (202) 418-0432 (TTY).

Please note that you are not required to respond to a collection of information sponsored by the Federal government, and the government may not conduct or sponsor this collection, unless it displays a currently valid Office of Management and Budget (OMB) control number. This collection has been assigned an OMB control number of 3060-0876.

For further information, contact Adrian Wright, Telecommunications Access Policy Division, Wireline Competition Bureau, at (202) 418-1500.